

# First Sunday in Advent

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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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**HYMN** "Jerusalem the Golden" ..... LSB 672 Δ

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## INTROIT

*Ps. 25:1–3; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.*

*P: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.*

**C: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

*P: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*P: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.*

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 64:1-9*

<sup>1</sup> Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence — <sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make Your name known to Your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at Your presence! <sup>3</sup> When You did awesome things that we did not look for, You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence. <sup>4</sup> From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides You, who acts for those who wait for Him. <sup>5</sup> You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember You in Your ways. Behold, You were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls upon Your name, who rouses himself to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us,

and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. <sup>8</sup> But now, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand. <sup>9</sup> Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all Your people.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge — <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and RESPONSES**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.*



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

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**THIS WEEK AT CLC — (December 3 - 10, 2017)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am; Choir practice, 11:30am

**Wednesday:** Bible Class, 8:30am; 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation, 6:00pm; Board of Trustees, 6:30pm

**Thursday:** Bethesda Work Day, 1:00pm; Advent Worship/HC, 6:30pm

**Saturday:** Christmas Caroling, 2:00pm

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am; Choir practice, 11:30am

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending November 26, 2017)**

General & Building Funds: \$5414.49; Blessings: \$19.37; Road Sign: \$60.00; BibleStick Ministry, \$50.00; Fellowship Hall Refurbishing, \$25.00

Attendance: Thursday: 61; Sunday: 138

**CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FAMILY ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKS** are located on the table in the narthex. Pick yours up today!

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

**JOIN US AS WE GO CHRISTMAS CAROLING** on Saturday, December 9. We will meet at the church at 2:00 and will go out from there. Refreshments will follow at the Brian and Iris Otten home. A signup sheet is located on the podium in the fellowship hall if you are planning to sing with us.

**A WILD WEST CHRISTMAS** is the theme for the Sunday school Christmas service. Join us on Sunday, December 17. (This will be a non-Communion service.)

**GREETERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY.** If you're available and interested in helping out, contact Linda Benda at 715-359-5396 or contact the church office and leave a message. Thanks!

**A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE LUTHERAN WITNESS** is available for an annual fee of \$22.01. If you are interested in a subscription for 2018, please forward your name and mailing address to the church secretary by no later than December 17, 2017.

**ADVENT MIDWEEK JOURNEY** continues next Thursday at 6:30pm. Next week's theme is "Accomplish More with an Itinerary." See you there!

**DECEMBER HUMAN CARE DONATIONS** are going to Hope Life Center. Items needed are Copy paper, Postage Stamps, and K-cups for Keurig (coffee, hot chocolate, apple cider).

**THANK YOU** to all who donated to the Military BibleStick project. \$650 has been collected which will bless 26 service men or women and their families with God's Word.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Christmas Eve worship will be at 4:00pm. (There will be no 9:00am service that day.) Christmas Day worship will be at 9:00am.

## **“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

“God created you in the womb. He formed your very being. He called you by name for His great plans. He made your life new through the Holy One of Israel. God gave you a new heart through Christ. God has loved you so deeply—and He gives you the gift of life so deeply—that He gave you the heart of Christ. HIS heart beats within you. THAT is God’s gift of grace.” *Rev. Paul J. Frank, Hosanna Lutheran Church and School, Mesa, Arizona – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*

**GREATER WAUSAU CHRISTIAN SERVICES** (GWCS) shares New Life Recovery Bibles with correctional clients in the Marathon County Jail. The organization has depleted its Bible budget for 2017, but the need persists. If you would like to make a donation to GWCS to fund more Bibles, please contact Christ Lutheran's representative on the GWCS board, Brian Otten, or contact the organization.

GWCS is a community of congregations that bring Christian compassion and hope to individuals and families through ministry in elder care facilities, the Marathon County Jail and the Marathon County Juvenile Facility. GWCS is located at 319 Fourth Street in Wausau. For more information on the organization, visit [gwcservices.org](http://gwcservices.org).